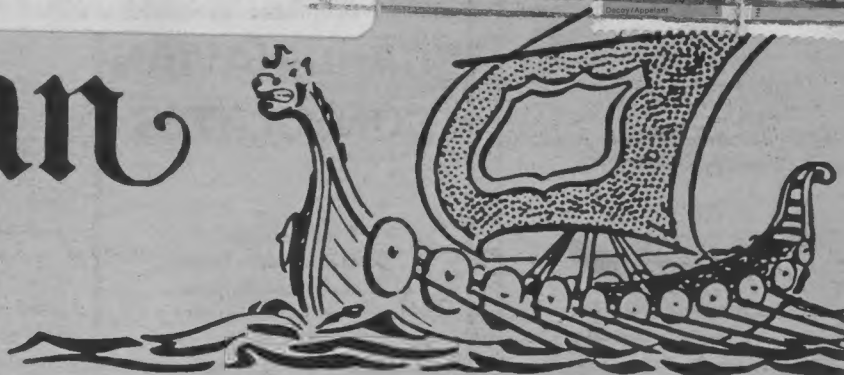


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Royal Day at Camrose

By Astrid Hope

It was a Royal Day with 'Royal Weather' as Camrose welcomed Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja of Norway on Monday, June 2nd, for the concluding celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of Camrose Lutheran College.

Mayor Rudy Swanson, with other dignitaries, greeted the Royal couple at City Hall. Gifts, including the Keys to the City, a photograph of Mirror Lake, and a bouquet of flowers, were presented to the couple.

A brief ceremony followed in front of Founder's Hall and C.L.C. President, K. Glen Johnson, said the couple's visit had been planned well in advance and that their presence highlighted the 75th Anniversary celebration. A bouquet of flowers were presented by Kristen Dahle. Strolling the extra-long length of red carpet from the Hall allowed the Royal couple to mingle with the crowd, many of whom were displaying Norwegian and Canadian flags. The people were charmed by their presence.

At a luncheon for invited dignitaries at the College a toast was proposed to the couple, remarking how lucky Camrose was to have the honour of their visit, and expressing regret that the late Dr. Chester Ronning (the first Canadian Ambassador to Norway) couldn't have been present.

At 2 p.m. Convocation took place at the College auditorium before an audience of more than 800 people, and here Prince Harald made a formal address. He said he was pleased to be part of the C.L.C. celebrations and to have had Camrose included in their tour.

Also at Convocation, Kermit Lilje and Everett Knudsvig (President of Fourth District and International Director of Sons of Norway respectively,) had the honour of presenting the Royal couple with a Hudson Bay blanket on behalf of the Sons of Norway. Sons of Norway members present with their wives, Lillian Lilje and Karen Knudsvig; Lynda and Roy Swanberg, Vice-President of Sons of Norway Foundation; Lillian and Ed Ness, former Director of S.N. Fourth District; Sonja Morgen, District 4 Jr. Director; and many from other Lodges. Present from Solglyt Lodge were Emeth and Gladys Clark, past-Pres. of Solglyt; an Gail and Doug Peterson, Treasurer for Alberta Synod of Lutheran Churches.

After the departure of the Royal couple, guests were invited for coffee and goodies.

The Crown Prince felt that this visit (Vancouver, Jasper, Edmonton, Camrose) will contribute to a closer relationship between Canada and Norway.

Later in the evening, in Edmonton, the Royal couple were scheduled for a formal dinner hosted by Premier Don Getty at Government House.



Princess Sonja and Crown Prince Harald accept flowers at Edmonton Airport



Princess Sonja and Crown Prince Harald with Minn Strand at Edmonton Airport

Norwegian Royalty Welcomed

By Anny-Marie Woldmo,

Cultural Director, Sons of Norway

The sun was shining bright on the warm and beautiful evening of Sunday, June 1st, when the Oil Capitol of Canada received Her Royal visitors from Norway. Crown Prince Harald and Crown Princess Sonja arrived at Edmonton's Municipal Airport, from Jasper, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

More than a hundred people, many of them dressed in beautiful Norwegian bunads, were waiting there. They greeted the Royal couple with cheers and waved Norwegian flags.

Six-year-old Sarah Jackson, dressed neatly in her gorgeous bunad, met the Royal couple as they stepped down from the plane. She carried a large bouquet of flowers, a gift for the Princess from Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway. The welcoming ceremony was as pleasurable as the day itself.

The Crown Princess talked to Sarah for some time, and then the Royal couple made their way through the receiving line. They smiled and talked to people at length, thoroughly enjoying the hearty welcome.

Welcoming dignitaries receiving Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja included Alderman White, Attorney-General Rostad, Consul and Mrs. Arne Johannessen. The Royal couple's limousine was escorted to the Westin Hotel, where they spent the night.

The group planned to leave for Camrose the following morning, there they were to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Camrose Lutheran College.

Upon returning from Camrose, Monday June 2nd, a dinner at Government House was given by the Honourable Don Getty, Premier of

Alberta, and Mrs. Getty. Many invited guests from the Norwegian community in Edmonton assembled in honour of their Royal Highnesses. The dinner was bound to be a success with the Honourable Helen Huntley, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as hostess; and indeed a success it was.

The Crown Prince and Princess managed to talk with every person present at the reception, making it an exceptionally special evening.

The Crown Princess wore a white evening gown, with a wide waistband and shawl, both in beautiful contrasting scarlet. The Royal party spoke fluent English, as well as Norwegian.

The Dinner Menu included:

Consomme' Julienne
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Sauce Perigourdine
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Cauliflower Polonaise
Tomato Clamant
Cornucopia of Berries
Coffee

The after-dinner speaker was the honourable David Russell, Deputy Premier of Alberta. He welcomed their Royal Highnesses to Edmonton and to Alberta. A beautiful mountain landscape painting was presented to their Highnesses, which was accepted and recognized as a delightful memory of Alberta hospitality.

Crown Prince Harald's speech crowned the evening. He noted the comparison with Norway of Alberta's economy, nature, national resources, oil exploration, etc.

Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja left for Norway the following day. Their love and free Norwegian spirits remained in all our hearts.

Scandinavians Join in Canada's Celebration

By Astrid Hope

Edmonton helped to celebrate Canada's 119th birthday under beautiful, sunny skies on July 1st.

Besides beginning the day with a pancake breakfast, (in conjunction with the opening of Jazz City's salute to Canadians) at Sir Winston Churchill Square, there was balloon magic, strolling clowns, and music. Activities took place at Old Strathcona and Fort Edmonton; as well there were parades and Native dances at the Legislature grounds, where 55 people became Canadian citizens, topped off with both birthday cake and artillery salute. Then off course, there were marching bands, more music, and dancing.

Scandinavians, along with more than 20 ethnic groups, joined in the big patriotic celebration. The "Freeloaders" were proud to participate at the Convention Centre playing their favourite Norwegian tunes to attentive crowds. Following their performance they were immediately requested by 2/3 T.V. to play and sing "This Land is my Land", as background music for the July 1st

newscip.

That evening at the Convention Centre, following the official opening and performance by the Caledonian Pipe Band, the feature presentation was the Bear Valley's Folk Dancers (34 dancers and 9 musicians directly from Sweden). These shows were co-ordinated by Edmonton's Folk Art Council and produced and directed by Gene Zwordevsky with special choreography by Orest Semchuk.

The climax of the evening was a gigantic fireworks display at Grierson Hill below the Centre; and the waterfall spectacular at the High-Level bridge.

On June 18th Selma and Sigurd Sorenson, in their "bunads", joined 26 other ethnic representatives at the CFRN T.V. station to salute Canadians on their birthday. Sig's message, in Norwegian, was "Seire Kanadisk Dagen, forste Juli". (Celebrate Canada Day, July 1st.) This tape was shown periodically for 6 days prior to July 1st and will be used in future years.

Gratulere med dagen, Kanada!

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Finnish Footnotes

By Anja Sahuri

The Finnish Society of Edmonton has a 21-year lease on some land at Fork Lake, Alberta. We all are very excited about it and through the winter the road was cleared from the main road and the fires were kept alive through every weekend until end of April in order to burn all the debris and clear the road-bed. With co-operation from all the members and friends we were able to get that task done and now the road-site is levelled and only needs gravel for us to enjoy the beautiful parklike setting at Fork Lake. (The gravel has been poured by this issue.)

The Finnish Society Executive wishes to thank all the many workers who came and volunteered their time during the road-clearing, and many thanks to all who came to the road dance to help that way. Donations

have been received from many individuals as well; our sincere thanks go out to Wahlberg and Murray for the donation of \$500.00, to Mrs. Bertha Rama for \$300.00, to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Leino for \$50.00, to Mr. Ritola for \$40.00, to Mr. & Mrs. S. Flinkfelt for \$20.00, to Mikko Lindfors for \$10.00 and Elaine Lof for \$5.00.

John Sahuri was also able to acquire a two-storey log house for us about 2 km away, which has to be moved to the site shortly.

Urho Leino has donated a boat and motor for the use of the membership.

Mr. & Mrs. V. Ristola have donated the ladies' outhouse, and Mr. & Mrs. J. Sahuri the men's outhouse and two picnic tables.

It is impossible to name all the hard-working people who have worked towards this summers camp but I

have to mention our President, Pentti Sipari, who has put many hours of hard work into the place and all those people who helped in clearing the roadway, bringing their chain saws and other tools, bringing and carrying all those hundreds of old tires, and burying the endless piles of debris. And let us not forget those who laboured very hard in order to dig those very necessary holes for the very necessary outhouses. Every kind of help has been appreciated very much.

THANK YOU ALL.

Our first official picnic at Fork Lake was held on June 21st weekend when more than 50 people came to celebrate Juhannus. Unofficially the biggest fish was caught by Maurice Maa. Congratulations.

Minister Opposes UK Nuclear
Waste Recycling Plant

The Norwegian Minister of Environment Sissel Ronbeck has requested the British government to reconsider its plans to establish a nuclear waste recycling plant at Dounreay in Scotland.

In a letter to her British colleague, Ms. Ronbeck writes that the Norwegian authorities find it strange that the plant is to be located at the very edge of the area to be serviced. Further, the Norwegian government is worried about the possibility of the

spread of radio-active fallout to Norwegian waters and requests that alternative siting be considered. Dounreay is situated only 500 kilometres from the Norwegian coast.

In her letter to the British Minister of Environment William Waldergrave, Ms. Ronbeck also writes that she would like to see some clear British response following earlier contacts and which could contribute to the reduction of acid rain.

Norway Prepares New
Immigration Laws

Norwegian immigration policy is to be given more weight and credibility, according to Berit Fosheim in the Norwegian Ministry of Justice which has under preparation new immigration legislation. One of the main aims of the new legislation will be to establish a special directorate for immigration issues. This will centralize decision-making rather than delegating it to the various police stations as is the case today.

The number of people seeking asylum in Norway has climbed steeply in recent years. Last year applications came from 40 countries. Many of these had no legal papers or passport. This led to a number of expulsions, some of which were highly

controversial.

The new legislation aims to provide a better safeguard against the expulsion of persons seeking asylum. It will also be easier to get legal aid and access to an attorney than it is now. It will not be possible to expel any applicant for asylum before he or she has been allowed to submit a complaint.

The Ministry of Justice would also like to see new guidelines regarding visitors visas. Problems have sometimes arisen in this respect in connection with visitors from typical emigration countries whom the police assume will subsequently seek a more permanent residence. At present there is no legislation on this point.

Norwegians
Invent Self-
Learning Radar

Norwegian researchers have developed an intelligent, so-called "self-learning" radar which is able to recognize aircraft, ships, cars and other objects. It can also register dangerous air-currents over airports. The radar has previously been "taught" to measure waves and snow depths, to find veins of water and to "see" vegetation. International experts say that it will cause a revolution within radar technology.

The Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (NTNF) has established a special company - A/S Susar - to market the radar both nationally and internationally. The radar, which will have the same name, has been developed by professor Dag Gjessing who works for the NTNF's programme for environmental monitoring techniques.

The radar can be simply programmed for various functions by means of the technology developed by the Norwegian scientists. A/S Susar will initially concentrate on marketing three versions, one for harbour surveillance, a cheap anti-collision radar suitable for use in the fishing fleet and on pleasure craft, and a third type which can register dangerous, vertical air currents above airports. The latter equipment is particularly important in assessing landing conditions.

A major international marketing concern has investigated the market potential for Susar radar. It has made a list of about 30 areas of application, but NTNF has decided to focus initially on the three mentioned above. A possible expansion to other areas will be considered later.

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Lakes in South Norway
"As Acid as Vinegar"

The June 12th Viking Invasion

This autumn Norway's National Pollution Control Authority will investigate about 1,000 Norwegian lakes in order to chart the effects of pollution during the last decade. A similar study was carried out in 1974. Sporadic investigations during recent years have shown that the area in south and west Norway where polluted lakes and watercourses are found is spreading steadily further north. Almost all the countries in southern Norway have lakes with water which is literally as acid as vinegar, and where all life is extinct. Studies carried out are part of a recently mounted nationwide campaign against acid precipitation initiated by an information group one of whose objectives is to influence British opinion. A Norwegian lecturer is to visit British schools and British and Norwegian school classes will

carry out similar investigations on acid precipitation in order to compare results afterwards. Fortunately the aftermath of acid precipitation is not yet so serious for trees. The Norwegian Forest Research Institute concluded in a recent report that "forest death" of the dramatic kind experienced in central Europe is unlikely to occur in Norway in the immediate future. The Institute has completed a major research project on the effects of acid precipitation on soil and trees. On the short term, nitrogen precipitation can increase tree growth, but on the long term increased acidity is harmful, the report states. Research workers fear that an increased concentration of aluminium and diminished magnesium content in the soil will curb growth and give unfortunate long-term results.

Proposed Legislation on
Test-Tube Babies

In Norway test-tube babies will be allowed only to childless couples who are either married or live in a stable relationship. This is the opinion of a committee drawn from the various ministries which has been working on a draft bill concerning test-tube babies and artificial insemination. The committee proposes that fertilization outside the body, by the test-tube method shall not be regarded as a right, but only as a method of treatment against infertility. The doctor will decide whether an application for such treatment is to be granted. The treatment can only be implemented with the couple's own egg and sperm cells. Only a woman's own eggs are to be implanted in her womb, says the committee. Donation of eggs and fertilized eggs should be forbid-

den. Surrogate mother arrangements whereby a woman agrees to bear a child for another woman, should also be forbidden. With respect to freezing and research on fertilized eggs the committee calls for stricter legislation than that applying in a number of European countries, such as Denmark. Freezing of fertilized eggs should be forbidden, the committee asserts. It approves only methodological research on freshly fertilized eggs and only for a one week period. All research is to be approved in advance by regional committees for medical research. The committee was divided on the issue of freezing unfertilized eggs and on who should be allowed to offer test-tube fertilization.

Otto Akre
Celebrates
Birthday

Norway's grand old man of the accordion, also called "the father of the accordion in Norway", Ottar Akre, celebrated his 90th birthday on May 19. Also, according to Aage Grundstad, accordionist Chris Christensen died recently. He was born at Slagen i Vestfold in 1919. Christensen was also a composer. He and Hoddo from Namsos wrote the waltz "Nidelven" in 1941, and it became a great hit. Grundstad also says that in America "Nidelven" is one of the most popular songs we have; people of norwegian descent love to sing it.



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STANLEY HAFSO

By Bob Burt
A dozen Norse ladies of the Edmonton Lodge Invaded Devon Hall, they came out to bake. They came to mix dough and roll it out flat And 'spudu' their Lefse for Heritage sake. Last year this group made 1500 servings to sell But 'twas hardly enough to meet the demand. These ladies now baked 2500 portions real well Displaying their fare Heritage Day was command.

Lefse is a Norwegian delight, when buttered and Sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar so sweet. When cut and rolled neat, this pastry's a treat Sure, you'll enjoy every bite that you eat.



Ladies at work

The baking spot secret this year was well kept To ward off invaders, the Devon folks known;

Locals would have "raided the Vikings for spoils" And Lefse this year would have never been shown.

Pennants for Heritage Days

By Bob Burt
Heritage Days are on August 3 & 4th this year. All 5 Scandinavian countries will be totally involved. As this year is the 10th anniversary for the Heritage Celebration, it is to be a "Banner" year. Speaking of Banners, a workshop session was held on June 14th. At this time instruction was given on how to make banners for Heritage Days, tent display at Hawrelak Park. Janet Burt attended this session for the 'Five Countries'. Janet paid for and received enough parachute nylon material and thread,

to make pennant flag panels (National Flag colours) for the five countries of the Scandinavian group. She has worked diligently; the task seem endless but eventually she came up with five pennants, 27" wide and 7' long, to be on display introducing the Scandinavian Countries. Plans are to have them fly from a pentagon-shaped wheel set on a pole in front of the tents. This has been a monumental project for one person; it was hoped that the job would be split 5 ways, to ease the burden, but one good thing that resulted was that all the pennants are alike, and having been made with

great care, look professionally made — we can all be very proud of them. A great deal of thanks goes to Janet for taking on this project single-handed. The colourful results will be visible at Heritage Days for years to come. A get-together of all countries represented in Edmonton was held late in June, to have a picture taken (Norway was represented). The picture appeared in the Edmonton Journal on June 26th, as the Heritage Days Celebration was kicked off, with the search for VIP Ambassadors, the contest to find one winner in Canada, and one from anywhere in the world.

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'Hjemkomst' Theme of District Convention

By Astrid Hope

The 42nd Biennial Convention of the Sons of Norway was held at Fargo, North Dakota from June 25-28, 1986. The theme of the Convention was 'Hjemkomst' (homecoming); it refers to the Viking ship built in 1982 which sailed to Norway. As many Montana and Canadian families originally came from North Dakota and Minnesota, it will have a special meaning for them.

Delegates from Solglyt Lodge were Kris Nyhus (Pres.), Betty Broen, Selma and Sigurd Sorenson, and Astrid Hope. They took a flight to Winnipeg, followed by a pleasant rent-a-car trip the rest of the way.

Some committee and board meetings had been in progress since early the day before. We had only to register, unpack, and prepare for the Welcome Party (wine and cheese and dancing) at the Holiday Inn poolside. The scheduled Roros Orchestra and Dancers were unable to come; in their place came an orchestra from Finskogen, Norway, and naturally they played "Livet paa Finskogen", plus springers and polkas.

Down to Business:

On Thursday, registration continued, and down to business it was. There were the opening ceremonies; colourful presentation of flags; anthems by Kringen Choral Group (home-Lodge); presentation of District Officers; President's address (Frank Gronbeck).

Special recognition was given to Selma and Sig Sorenson for the most years in the Lodge; Ed Ness and Roy Swanberg, International Directors; Karl Skurdal and Marshall Moy, Past-President and International Directors; Kjell Strand, District 8, Norway, (Telemark), who remarked there are 14 Lodges now in Norway.

Popular Marg and Sig Peterson were introduced as the musicians of



Alberta and Saskatchewan delegates to convention

the Convention.

Following a coffee break (different Lodge supplied sweets for each) a moving Memorial Service was performed. Kris Nyhus laid a white carnation in turn as one delegate from each Lodge (around 50) paid their tributes to members who have passed on: "A Tribute" written by Dr. R. Beck was a very fitting poem, read by Everett Knudsvig.

The luncheon entertainment was by the 'Troll Boys' orchestra from Skauen, Norway, and we were to be entertained by them again that evening after the Torsk and Meatball Supper at the Kringen Club.

Beautiful Centre:

The Kringen Cultural Heritage Centre bears COMMENTARY! It's a remarkable building with all its paintings and carvings! Mr. Arvid Kristoferson, Master Artist and Painter from Krogero, Telemark, now lives in Kalispell, Montana. His massive

works in the Trollstua Lounge include a masterpiece 96-foot mural carving of 22 trolls. There are carvings of Vikings and of Viking ships in the entry. There are rosemaled ceilings in the Board Room, plus partial rosemaled walls, grandfather clock and podiums. You almost have to see it to believe it!



Mural with wood-carving of trolls at Kringen Centre

Friday a Busy Day:

Friday was filled with committee reports, more reports, by-laws and resolutions. The question of insurance arose, and there was, an expected considerable controversy concerning that topic. Nothing, however, could be resolved at the District level,

so, it will be put forward at the International Convention in Philadelphia, August 19-24th. There were 232 delegates registered— interestingly 182 were insurance members while 50 were not.

It was resolved and passed that starting January 1st, 1988, all social memberships will follow the calendar year and will come due on January 1st, and no membership cards will be mailed prior to receiving payment. It was also resolved and passed that the scrapbook competition be extended to cover two calendar years, as some years are more eventful for a lodge than others and that lodges could share all their events during the two years.

There were fine presentations by Vinland National Centre, for scholarships, and film: 'Sounds and sights of Norway.'

Awards Presented:

At the noon luncheon on Friday awards were presented. The Founder's Certificate, eligible where Lodges obtain 3% or more increase in membership, went to Sverdrup #107, Bismark. Closer to home, Northern Lights #493, Grande Prairie and Aspelund #571, Red Deer, also received it. Sidney Lodge #489, Sidney, won the scrapbook award.

Awards were given for each of the craft categories: Nor-weave, knitting, crocheting, rosemaled, carving, etc. Astrid Hope won first prize for her crocheted bedspread (a replica of her mother's bedspread that she got from Norway in the 1930's.)

There were awards for the best songs composed and the best one was judged to be 'Forward with Sons of Norway' to the tune of 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'. Sing-songs took place, usually at noon before the start of convention sessions, and Fram Junior Lodge Folkdancers entertained us at the Friday luncheon.

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Edmonton Wins for 1990:

Later that afternoon, the bids were made for the biennial convention, in 4 years' time. Placards and a film presentation won the 1990 Convention for Edmonton! So, Solglyt, on with your great ideas and participation! The following is the acrsotice we used which was composed by Bea Huser, a Solglyt member.

E — is for EVERYTHING Con-
ventioners need.
D — is for DAYLIGHT that's long.
M — is for MOUNTAINS - 3 hours
away.
O — is for OILERS - their home!
N — is for NORSEMEN - we have a
good share.
T — is for you TOURISTS - to be.
O — O! we want you just four years
from now.
N — is for NINETEEN-NINETY!
Yeah! Hip- hip- hoorah!

After the Barbecue dinner at Dr-
ingen Hall, the Asker Accordion Or-
chestra and folk dancers, from Asker,
Norway, (26 in number) provided the
entertainment and dancing music.
There was a delightful fashion parade
of the various 'bunads' in the group.

Officers Elected:

On Saturday, elections and installa-
tion of Officers took place. Phyllis
Johnson, Gyda Varden #21, Grand
Forks, was elected President by ac-
clamation; Otto Bervik as Vice-
President (with a surprise march in of
supporting delegates to the tune of
'My Darling Clementine', Sverdrup
Bismark; Ardon Shores, Grand Forks,
is now Counsellor; Treasurer, Harold
Hanson, Kringen, Fargo; Secretary is
Gilda Buxbaum from the Sidney
Lodge. Social and Publicity Director is
now Donna Backlund, of Kringen. The
Youth Director, East zone, is Sonja
Morgen, Brubyen, Saskatoon; while
Ardel Nelson, West zone, is from
Hovestad, Helena. Thelma Dorin is
our new zone Director and replaces
Don Waddel, Claresholm, with Marie
Doherty of Valhalla, Calgary, being
the alternate. Delegates elected for
the International are Kris Nyhus, Roy
Swanberg, John Petterson; Thelma
Dorin and Sonja Morgen go
automatically, being Directors. Marie
and George Doherty and Betty Droen
are the alternates.

The three delegates for the Sons of
Norway Foundation for Vancouver in
mid-September are Thelma Dorin, Neil
Olson, and Ruth Dodd. Ken Domier
has 2 more years of his term, and Roy
Swanberg, representative for
membership at large, with Doreen
Anderson the alternate.



LEFT: Solglyt bids for 1990
convention
BELOW LEFT: New district 4 Sons
of Norway president, Phyllis
Johnson
BELOW: Sig Sorenson, Selma
Sorenson, Kris Nyhus, Astrid Hope
and Betty Broen



Gratitude Expressed:

Two ladies from Kringen Lodge
were given special thanks for, single-
handedly making over 140 beautiful
paired Norwegian dolls, clothed in
proper 'bunads' from various areas of
Norway, for table centres. Each
Lodge had the privilege of purchasing
the doll they were designated. Lucky
numbers at each table enabled the

holder to keep the dining-room table-
centrepiece.

Special thanks were rendered to Kr-
ingen Lodge for the success of the
Convention; to the Holiday Inn in ap-
preciation of excellent service and
hospitality; and gratitude was extend-
ed to Everett Knudsvig for 10 years of
service, as well as to Marg and Sig
Peterson for their music, both enter-
taining and humorous.



Hjemkomst Festival:

After the Convention was adjourn-
ed, an optional tour of the new
Hjemkomst by special bus had been
arranged. This Scandinavian
Hjemkomst festival was being held
the same week as our Convention, so
there was a great variety of events
taking place. Bands, street-dances,
foods, flags, displays, were all part
of the festival. We saw the replica Vi-
king ship, Hjemkomst, as the focal
point in the Heritage-Hjemkomst In-
terpretive Centre. This was Robert
Asp's dream of building and sailing an
ancient Viking ship to Norway come
true, but he died before he could
realize his dream. His family carried it
through, and it took them 34 days to
reach Bergen from New York. "Dare
to Dream" is the theme for the Cen-
tre. The unfurled sails and graceful

lines of the Hjemkomst Viking Ship as
well as the early settlers who carved
out homes in the valley, have come to
symbolize the motto of the Heritage
Centre. The Story of the Hjemkomst
and its voyage is told in interpretive
displays arranged around its keel;
there were also numerous displays
and artifacts depicting early days in
the Red River Valley.

Finale:

The Convention Grand Banquet
was held at the Great Hall in the Holi-
day Inn. We had the pleasure of hear-
ing two great Norway soprano
singers, Elisabeth and Torhild
Staahlen. The dance music was pro-
vided by the Buskerud Old Time Or-
chestra from Hallingdal, Norway.

Special gifts of recognition (an
engraved silver drinking mug) were
presented to all past Presidents of
District 4 at a special ceremony
following the dinner; eight Presidents
were present to accept. From Solglyt,
Sigurd Sorenson accepted his and
also one for Knut Svidal.

Delegates left with a better outlook
than when they came, feeling it was a
good Convention - a lot of com-
munication and a better understand-
ing of the issues involved - for the
good of the Order.

We left for Winnipeg early Sunday
morning. Selma and Sig went their
way to attend a "Million-Dollar" meet
at Orlando, Florida, while the rest of
us toured the Winnipeg Concert hall
and Museum before flying back to Ed-
monton.

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Flag Raised on May 17th

By Bob Burt

This year's Syttende Mai festivities made for a very busy day for members of the Norwegian Community around Edmonton. The day began with the sun shining beautifully, and ended in a blaze of glory.

Early that morning well over one hundred gathered at the flag-staff at Edmonton City Hall. There they heard the Proclamation read and saw the Norwegian flag raised for the day. Many people turned out in their bunad dress, in keeping with the celebrations held in Norway.

Kris Nyhus, President of Solglyt #143, Sons of Norway Edmonton lodge, welcomed all present, and spoke of his past activities on Independence Day (Syttende Mai). He then related how this day would be celebrated in Norway, and what Independence meant to his nation. It was then his duty to raise the Norwegian Flag where it would fly for the day.

The Freeloaders, Wally Vroen and Harry Huser were present to offer National music; and Queen Lynda Domier led the gathering in singing the Norwegian National Anthem.

Following this celebration, 75 members with families gathered at the Royal Copenhagen restaurant for lunch. The group was entertained by Vic Elverum, as he strummed his guitar and sang old Norse songs. Those present feasted on native Norwegian dishes, sang their old songs and toasted cheerfully throughout the noon luncheon. This all added much to the annual occasion, which has become an eagerly anticipated function leading up to the evening program.

The evening brought forth 108 enthusiastic guests at the Masonic Temple. Selma Sorenson, Social Director, had worked very hard in planning an entertaining party. She was assisted by her husband Sig, together with Knut and Rose Svidal, who made sure that all went well for a joyous occasion.

Supper was served, followed by a well-planned program. Ronald Enokson was the efficient Master of Ceremonies; he introduced the guest speakers, among them Prof. Chris Hale, Norwegian Consul Anne Johannessen, and Kris Nyhus. Life Membership was presented to Irene Hovde,

accepted by Sig Sorenson. Twenty-five year service pins were presented to Betty McKevitt and Alvin Searle, while Ten-Year buttons were received by Ken and Delia But, Molly Cooper, Ken Domier, Glen Huser, Ruth Wiebe and Ruth Zelensky.

The crowning of the New Queen was the highlight of the evening. Lynda Domier, past Queen, passed over the crown to the Queen elect, Lynda Nyhus. Astrid Hope, Assistant Cultural Director, was there to crown the Queen in regal manner. So now we had a new Queen! She stood before her subjects, in neat colorful bunad, wearing her sparkling tiara regally. She was a sight for sore eyes; "Long may she reign".

The dance which followed was an anti-climax for a full day well spent. Many thanks to those responsible for the excellent planning of all the events. We look forward to many more such delightful social occasions.



ABOVE LEFT: The Norwegian Flag flies in Edmonton
ABOVE: Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen raises the flag
BELOW LEFT: Brian Grosseth of St. Paul at City Hall in Edmonton



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Solglyt Spotlight



ABOVE: Head table guests — Roald Enokson, Mrs. Hale, Kris Nyhus, Mr. & Mrs. Arne Johannessen, Bernice Nyhus, Professor Chris Hale

BELOW: Crowning of the Queen — Linda Domier, Linda Nyhus and Astrid Hope



The June Executive and General meeting was held June 6th at the home of President Kris Nyhus with a barbecue thrown in. It was an opportunity to bid farewell to Dave & Goldie Borge, who are moving to Grande Prairie. What is a loss to our lodge, is certainly an advantage to the Northern Lights Lodge.

The next meeting will be held the second Monday in September. (Sept. 8th). Heritage Days are next on the program, coming up Aug. 3 and 4th at Hawrelak Park.

Torske Klubben will again be in full swing in September; so until then?

Bowling season will begin in September. League meets each Tuesday evening at Windsor Bowl. Those interested in this Season of Bowling are urged to contact Peter Finstad.

Curling commences in the Fall season, starting in mid October. Organizational meeting will be held early October, with Curling each Friday evening at the Balmoral Curling Club. The President for the coming season is Keith Moore.

Trollhaugen Norwegian Language Camp will be held this year Aug. 17 to 23rd at Sylvan Lake at the Lutheran Church Bible Camp. This year the camp will be organized and run by Fjellsyn Lodge of Olds, Alberta. The theme will be "Trollhaugen Salutes Famous Norwegians". Send your application to Astrid Hope, 6307-103 Ave. Phone 469-4747, or write to Sons of Norway Fjellsyn Lodge, Olds, Alberta.



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We're Survivors!

By Bob Burt

Although the weather was threatening, windy and cool, the gathering at Pigeon Lake (Lutheran Church Camp), was anything but. Fifty-two were there on June 20th, in trailers, campers, tents and cabins, prepared to enjoy St. Hans' Fest.

The first line of business was making horseshoe pits. Because this was the longest day of the year there was plenty of daylight time. The early-birds turned up Thursday afternoon, while others trickled in throughout the weekend. As usual, while only 12 had signed to attend, over 50 turned up!

The trouble this year was the lack of drinking water, one never misses this commodity until you can't get it. But we're survivors and all fared well (for beer was on hand).

Early Friday there were pancakes, sausage and syrup, with juices and coffee for all. Who said we were in trouble? We had our hosts, Peter and Janet Finstad, Keith and Cheryn Lillevolden with Stan Johnson and our President Kris Nyhus, to thank for the food. We were well taken care of and no one was missed (except fishermen).

Horseshoes was the name of the Game, and both ladies and gentlemen went at it full pelt, each to their pits. There were single and double events throughout the day, with ringers and close ones.

When the air was cleared, and games were complete, someone suggested that other contests could be held. So out came hammers and nails then bean bags to throw. We all took our turn, till barbeque time when it was 'hang on the feed bag'.

There was plenty of food, and as tray after tray emptied, others were rushed in. There was coffee and desserts of all sorts; one can only snooze after eating like this. If there had been races to follow no entries could have been persuaded for all were plum-full.

The evening camp fire (St. Hans' Fest.) was rosy and fair. There was plenty of music, for both Gary and Harry were there. Ronald and Maggie Nichol appeared on the scene, a welcome addition. Bringing with them their stringed instruments and voices.

Early Sunday morning following another full breakfast, the group settled down to one of those mini-meetings and shortly thereafter the wind-up. But first the winners all had to be named.



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Horseshoe doubles winners Al Anderson and Harry Huser

Peter Finstad, sports officer and host, presents Gail Peterson with her first prize for the horseshoe pitch

Betty Broen, Olga McBride, Heide Temme and Gail Peterson

Ladies' doubles winners Heide Temme and Gail Peterson



SPORTS WINNERS:

Men:

In horseshoes, Harry Huser again was King; in the finals of Singles he won over Peter Finstad.

In "B" section Gary Johnson won his game over Wally Broen Doubles —Harry again, won with Al Anderson over John Stensland and Peter Finstad.

Ladies' Competition:

Singles:

"A" event: Gail Peterson was winner over Evelyn Johnson.

"B" event: Janet Finstad won over Cheryn Lillevolden

Doubles: Gail Peterson and Heide Temme winners over Rose Berge and Janet Finstad.

In the Nail-Pounding competition, the all over winner was Al Anderson. Ladies' event went to Heide Temme with second tie winners Jennifer O'Farrell and Adrian Anderson.

In the Bean Bag Throw:

Men's Winner: Shawn O'Farrell

Junior event: Aaron Anderson

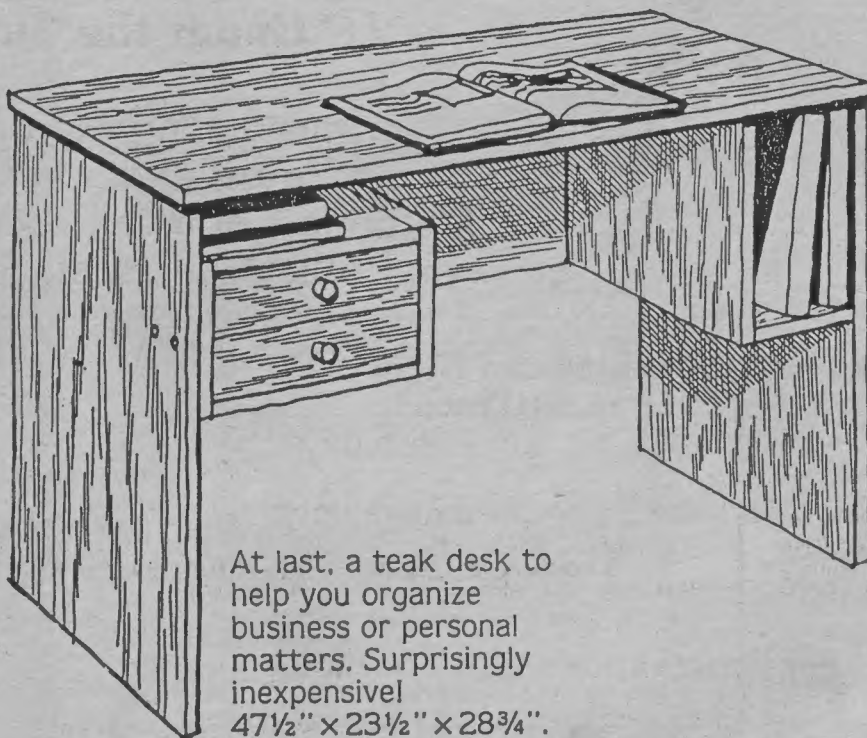
Ladies' event: Rose Berge; followed by Jennifer O'Farrell.

A "Special" childrens Lifesaver draw. Winner was Melissa Krogen.

What a weekend it turned out to be! The weather was great and all events were super. There was swimming, boating and fishing (no catch), there was golf and hit ball, volleyball and dart pitch. There was fun for everyone, and everyone enjoyed the time out at St. Hans' Fest.



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Vasa Lodge Skandia

By Helen McEvoy

The month of June was a very busy time for Skandia members involved with Vasa Park. The regular meeting on June 7th was followed by a dance hosted by the Sports Committee, and on Sunday by the Hokanson steak-fry.

The annual "Country Store" and Strawberry Teas was held on June 15th and the weekend of June 21st saw Midsummer celebrations and the Pea Soup and Pancake brunch, hosted by the past Chairmen's Club —with Sorensen in charge of the pea soup.

Also during June the Danish Club used the facilities of Vasa Park, and those Skandia members who joined the Danes on Saturday night for an evening of dancing report a very good time.

To round out the month we had the Bear Valley Bolk Dancers from the Dalarna and Harjedalen provinces of Sweden, who performed for us on June 29th. As this was a celebration of Canada Day the park was decorated with balloons and Swedish and Canadian flags, and wheelbarrows, bikes, etc., were decorated for the parade. The younger children had their faces painted with various designs and enjoyed a peanut scramble.

The Swedish Dancers were officially welcomed by Vice-Chairman Elwood Johnson, and although Harold Markstrom was in charge of the flag-raising, a light rain forced activities indoors. Cultural Leader Verna Larson gave a history of Canada in Swedish for the benefit of the dancers, who gave a very enjoyable performance. Afterwards they mingled with the crowd while enjoying coffee and cake.

The cake was cut by Astrid Winquist, representing Skandia, and by Nils-Erik Ostlund, representing the dancers. Following this the musicians played again, and to the music of six violins and two accordions, the entire crowd joined in the dancing.

The dancers presented Linnea Lodge with a gift in appreciation of her efforts in co-ordinating their trip, and presented Elwood Johnson with a gift as a representative of Skandia Lodge 549.

After a smorgasbord lunch for the dancers they returned to Edmonton where they would perform at the Convention Centre and at the Legislative grounds on July 1st.

Still with Vasa Park — it has been interesting to note the changes taking place. Lennart and Joan Petersson, of course, have been using their new building on the former Maxwell lot, while Greg and Fran Johnson and sons Brett and Kurt occupy the cabin formerly owned by the Peterssons.

Kay and Myron Kerr have decided not to sell their cabin, but the Russell cabin is still for sale. Jim and Shirley Huffman offered their cabin for sale at the June meeting. They are find it difficult to keep up with lake property as well as an acreage, particularly with Jim's constant battle with arthritis, and found they weren't getting the time to enjoy the cottage.

The four cabins which burned in the big fire last June are rapidly being replaced. Evelyn and Willard Modin are all settled in their new home, and the Pearson, Sykes and Hokanson buildings are all taking shape.

It has also been interesting to watch the progress of the construction of the new bridge and approach at Devon.

Among the members who have been to Expo so far this year are Verna Larson, martha and Bill Kay, Gertie Duxbury, Ray and Gladys McAuley and Jvy and Andy Ogren in June. Sonja Sund spent some time holidaying in Vancouver in late May, and visited with Winnie and Oscar Pearson as well as taking in Expo. Also visiting with Oscar and Winnie in June were Tom And Connie Pearson accompanied by Randy Pearson and Adrienne Tenant.

Dez and Marvis Dezauteles had both their mothers, Thelma Carlson and Therese Dezauteles visiting from Saskatchewan the first part of June. Shirley Huffman also had her mother visiting from Calgary in June.

Harold and Minnie Markstrom, having sold their home in south-east Edmonton earlier this year, have now moved into Hansine Pierre's home in the Calder area.

Grant and Corinne Johnson and son Jordan have moved from Fort McMurray to Edmonton where Grant is now employed.

Marj and Don Samuelson and sons motored to different points in Saskatchewan at the end of June to visit Marj's grandmother and other relatives.

Sid and Rossalyn Johnson, accompanied by Evelyn Johnson, travelled to Winnipeg for the 45th anniversary of Sid's sister and her husband, Alice and Harold Bissett, on June 20th. All

sisters and brothers and in-laws were able to attend, some from Vancouver and Los Angeles, so it was a reunion of sorts. While in Winnipeg they attended the Vasalund picnic at Vasalund Park where Sid won the nail-driving contest. Sid also claims he never lost a ping-pong game while away.

Milton Fawcett and Keith Lindberg were in a part of eight on a fishing trip to Northern Alberta the end of May. Travelling to Fort McMurray first, they headed out to Fort McKay and then on to Fort Chipewyan. Two different boat breakdowns delayed their trip somewhat, with some of the party having to fly out.

Milton kept his eye on a cinnamon bear they were seeing daily around their camp - intending to wait until the end of the trip to try for this trophy. However, the bear disappeared before the last day. In spite of that disappointment, the high water due to the Athabasca, making the fishing poor, and the terrible mosquitoes, they say it was a good trip.

Lois and Greg Johnstone, with son Breant, spent a week holidaying in Jasper Park at the end of June. Lois was driving her nice new birthday present.

There are weddings planned for next summer in the Samuelson family. Neil, who recently became engaged to Zoria Turta, will be married next June 6th. Bruce, who is engaged to Rhonda Foster, has not yet set a specific date.

Greg Collins, who is stationed with the Air Force in Prince Edward Island, was home to be married on June 21st. His new bride is the former Charmaine La Certe.

Linnea Lodge visited Glenora Elementary School recently to give a talk to the Grade V class which was studying about the Vikings. She found the students very knowledgeable. While there she gave out little booklets of Swedish information.

Audrey and Glen Eliasson celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a party on June 28th. Margaret and Burt Lundgren were here to celebrate with them. Virgie Fawcett and Gertie Duxbury planned a mock wedding for the affair, and Gertie also helped make up an album for the 'bride and groom' of 25 years ago.

Ron and Karen Runcer spent 10 days on a camping trip through Northern B.C. and Alberta at the end of June. They travelled as far as Skagway and Haynes, Alaska, coming home through Prince George. Ron says the grayling and the mosquitoes were both in good supply.

Darcy and Terry Dezauteles left on July 6th for a houseboat holiday on the Shuswap. Terry's brother Norm will have time off work, but not as a holiday. Norm had an accident on the job-site at Sherwood Park where he is an iron-worker. Due to torn ligaments and a chipped bone, he may be off work for a year.

Still with the Dezauteles, Marvis had her brother, Milton Carlson, and Nora visiting from Regina the first week in July.

Jim and Shirley Huffman will leave on July 12th for a cruise to the Bahamas. This cruise was a big win in a Kraft products contest played by Shirley. She has also won two other contests recently - a \$1,000 shopping spree at I.G.A. which was a contest announced on CHQT, and a \$500 hockey equipment package which was another Kraft promotion.

Ruth Bergquist spent four weeks visiting in Blaine, Washington, and Vancouver, B.C. She attended her daughter Anna's marriage to Kenneth Cook on April 25th, and also visited her sister, Mildred Hanson, and family of Cloverdale as well as attending Expo '86.

Linda and John Randolph motored through B.C. visiting relatives and enjoying Expo. Diane and Wayne Bladon attended Expo as well, and visited with friends and relatives at the coast.

Erv and Mae Kurz made the trip to Expo; Erv thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to go again.

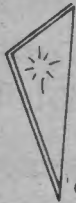
A speedy recovery is wished to Irma McMaster after an eye operation, and to Joan Knutson with a broken foot.

Suzanne Pearson was up from Calgary to spend the weekend with family at Vasa Park.

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The alarm, which has been developed in collaboration with researchers at the regional hospital in Orebro, is an aid especially for those to whom snoring is both a social and a medical problem. It is estimated that about every third Swede is a snorer. The worst disturbers of other people's sleep may snore so loudly that they exceed the noise level of 85 dB(A), the highest figure allowed on work places in Sweden.

The Biab anti-snoring device consists of a canister, the size of a soap-dish. It includes a microphone, an amplifier and a vibrator and is placed under the mattress. When the canister has registered five snorings it starts vibrating. As a result, the snorer, who generally sleeps on his back, turns round in bed and hence the snoring stops, a company spokesman says.

The medical problems of snoring have attracted increased attention during the last few years. Research in this field is going on at the Academic Hospital in Uppsala, the Southern hospital in Stockholm and the regional hospital in Orebro, where the testing of the Biab device is conducted by Professor Karl-Johan Vikterlof.

Unchanged Swedish Refugee Quota this Year

STOCKHOLM - Sweden will accept the same quota of refugees - 1,250 - during the 1986-87 fiscal year as in the past, according to a recent decision by the Swedish government. The selection of refugees will be made from among the 25,000 persons whom the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has judged to be in most acute need of immediate relocation.

Refugees will be accepted primarily from the Middle East and from Latin

America, but also from South-East Asia and Europe. Approximately 50 handicapped persons will be admitted within the framework of the refugee quota.

During the current fiscal year, 1,292 refugees have been accepted into Sweden, thus exceeding the quota somewhat. Delegations from the Swedish Immigration Board have selected a number of Sino-Vietnamese and Iranians for admission during the spring.

Stamps for Stockholmia 86 World Philatelic Exhibition

STOCKHOLM - A special set of stamps will be issued in Sweden on August 29 in conjunction with the Stockholmia 86 world philatelic exhibition celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Swedish Post Office.

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Tomtebodas terminal outside Stockholm.

Also issued in conjunction with the exhibition will be a First Day Card, two special post cards, an exhibition card, and four maximum cards. The maximum cards depict, among other things, the music for King Charles XII's postal bugle and two almanacs from the 17th century. All items will be sold only during the exhibition, which is to be held at the exhibition halls of the Stockholm International Fairs in Alvsjo near Stockholm from August 29 to September 7.

Sweden's Flag Day

Toward the turn of the last century, Artur Hazelius, the founder of Skansen, Stockholm's open-air museum, tried to establish the 6th of June as a holiday, since several momentous events in the nation's history have taken place on that date: Gustav Vasa, regarded as the founder of the Swedish nation, ascended the throne on the 6th of June, 1523; and the Instrument of Government of 1809 (in force until 1975) was signed on that day.

Observed as Flag Day since 1916,

the day is, as from 1983, the Swedish National Flag Day. Today it is celebrated in the schools, parades are held, and speeches are made at special events. Brass bands accompany the celebration in practically every town and city in Sweden. The King presents flags to various service organizations. The militia raise the flag without fail, on June 6th, on Gustav Adolfsdagen.

From March 1st to October 31st the flag is raised at 8 a.m. and the rest of the year at 9 a.m. It is lowered

at sunset, although this time might be extended in relation to the light, but never later than 9 p.m. Flags must be lowered on occasions after sports, games and other performances.

Why is the flag blue and gold? We must go back in history. The first time the Swedish flag was presented in these colors was about 1400 during Karl Knutsson's conflict with the Danish king. The Danish flag was red and white, and Karl Knutsson chose blue and gold, the colors that were already on the Swedish Coat of Arms.

Swedish Companies Predict Exports will Increase 5% in Value this Year

STOCKHOLM - Sweden's total exports of goods in 1986 may increase by 6 per cent in current prices, to Kr.275 billion (\$38 billion), according to the quarterly survey of export companies' expectations conducted by Statistics Sweden. The estimate represents a downward adjustment from the 11 per cent increase on 1985 exports predicted earlier this year.

For industrial products, excluding ships, companies expect a 7 per cent export hike this year. Following small changes in prices, this corresponds to an increase in volume exports of 6 per cent. A breakdown shows a growth in 1986 of 8 per cent for engineering products and for paper and cardboard, 11 per cent for chemical products and 1 per cent for steel products. Exports of oil and coal products

are expected to grow by 6 per cent in volume.

For the first half of 1987, compared with the same period this year, companies predict an increase in the value of exports of industrial products, excluding ships, by 7 per cent.

Over the first five months of this year, Sweden's exports totalled Kr.110 billion, according to Statistics Sweden.

Swedish Computer System for Telephone Administration to Singapore

STOCKHOLM - A computer system for customer administration, developed by the Swedish telecommunications administration, will be delivered to Telecoms, the telephone company in Singapore, under a recently signed contract. The order is worth more than \$2 million and is expected to lead to further business,

Swedish Telecom says.

Designated TAD, the integrated subscriber information system is to be used for more rational and efficient order handling, local network and number registration and maintenance. The system will be

adapted for local use in Singapore later this year and during 1987.

A complete TAD system, the basis of which is the order handling function, was commissioned by New Zealand's telecommunications authority a year ago. It is expected to be in operation in the autumn of this year.

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The Evening Was Grand!

By Bob Burt

Ladies' Nite at Torske Klubben is held twice a year, once in June and again in December.

Over 100 gathered on the 7th for this June banquet and enjoyed the fellowship of man and his mate. Table grace was said by Janette Burt; then all settled down for boiled Cod, potatoes and carrots. There were also pickled herrings of various flavours, salads, flot brod and other delicacies. Each lady was given a lovely corsage to brighten and complement.

The evening was grand!

The "Toast to the Ladies" was made by Kaare Askildt, and answered by Evelyn Johnson.

The Sargeant-at-Arms was Ronald Nichol, who fined a good number of members to fatten the coffers for Language Camp. Folk dancers entertained in fine fashion for an appreciative audience.

Sister Gladys Clark was called upon to present Life Memberships to Andy and Mathilde Mjaatveit; all congratulated this couple for their long service to the lodge.

BELOW: The Valhalla Scandinavian Folkdancers
RIGHT: Gladys Clark presents life memberships to Andy and Mathilde Mjaatveit
FAR RIGHT: President Kris Nyhus



Dancing to a live orchestra followed, and all did their thing. They tried waltz, Fox trot, Polka, and Jive, and when they were tired they just sat down and chatted.

Next meeting for Torske members will be in September. So 'Have a good Holiday', keeping it safe, and return in the Fall for another year of friendship and fellowship.



'Hot Potatoes' Have Meaning

By Agnes Jelhof Jensen

"I want to know what my mother-in-law is saying." Kenny is a big square Canadian, full of life and energy and with a Danish wife. "My mother-in-law speaks only Danish and it sounds like a river going by full of hot potatoes. But she must say something funny because everybody is laughing. Except me, of course. Wouldn't it be lovely if I could get a word in edgewise."

Two years later he could. He had learned to understand and to speak Danish. And he told me that indeed his mother-in-law was very funny, and that all the hot potatoes were words with a lot of meaning. She, on the other hand, has the deepest respect for this Canadian son-in-law of hers who had the will to learn his wife's mother tongue.

Harry came to classes knowing one long Danish sentence. His dad was Danish and used that row of words every morning. Harry thought it meant something like "Good Morning to you." It was really a chain of heavy, yellow swearwords with which his dad greeted a new day and asked if the coffee was ready.

There was Mathilda, who wanted to write to an old friend in Denmark. Mathilda was 70 and her friend the same age. Mathilda had forgotten her Danish which she had not spoken since she arrived in Canada 62 years ago. Last year Mathilda went to Denmark to visit with her friend who, of course, spoke no English. The two ladies had a beautiful time together.

There are all the young people who want to visit with relatives in Denmark, or attend Folkehjsskole as their parents did. There are the mature set digging for their roots and those who want to

understand and comprehend the Danish traditions, the history, the songs and certainly the famous cuisine. There are people of all ages and all backgrounds and they come every year to learn Danish, offered by Continuing Education.

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The Following are Excerpts from

Borsen The Monthly Danish Report

Taxing

The Tax Minister, Mr. Isi Foighel, has limited personal beer imports from West Germany, a move which may be a breach of Common Market rules.

Before June 15 Danes could pop over the border to buy beer at half the price it is in Denmark. Every man, woman and child could spend up to 2,800 kr a trip - 1,500 can - on beer. Now the limit is 30 cans (ten litres) and then only for people over 17.

Brewers and shopkeepers up to 50 km from the border saw their sales plummet after the last tax increases at Easter.

They protested to the Minister and asked him to reduce Danish taxes to stop them going out of business.

The head of a grocers' association estimated that cross-border trade of all kinds cost the Government six

billion kr a year in lost duties and foreign currency. Some Danes, he said, did nearly all their shopping in Germany.

Before Easter the 29 filling stations in the border area sold 120 million litres of diesel a year.

But since the tax increase at least one garage has shut and others risk closure.

One owner has seen sales plummet by 94 per cent and the oil firm Norsk Hydro has seen a 50 per cent fall in demand south of a line from Kolding to Esbjerg.

Any hopes that Mr. Foighel would go further than limiting beer imports and cut taxes were dashed when he told Common Market Ministers that Denmark will not have anything to do with harmonising taxes throughout the EEC.

Bridges

The Government and the Social Democrats have reached agreement over building a fixed link between Zealand and Fyn.

A low-level 7.06 km bridge will be built to carry road and rail traffic from Fyn to the small island of Sprogø in

the middle of the Great Belt. From there the railway will go by tunnel to Korsør and a high-level bridge will take the road traffic.

Work will start in 1988 and the rail link will open in 1993.

In 1992 work will start of the 80

metre high road bridge, the longest span of which will be 2.4 km. that will be finished in 1997.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Palle Simonsen, said the project would cost 12.8 billion kr in 1985 prices.

Trade

Imports in April cost 17.7 billion Kr. 2.7 billion Kr more than exports earned and three billion Kr more than imports in March.

There are a number of reasons for the extraordinarily high figure.

One is that many imports were pushed forward from March to April. This was because the Easter holidays reduced the number of working days that month to 18.

Another reason was that many

firms were restocking after customers had cleared their shelves in advance of the Easter tax package.

In the first four months of the year imports of machinery and part-finished goods were 7.9 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1985. Industrial exports rose by 6.5 per cent but agricultural exports were 3.5 per cent down.

North Sea supplies of oil and gas led to a 41 per cent reduction in fuel im-

ports of consumer goods and cars rose by 19 per cent.

Many of the consumer goods and cars were paid for with bank loans.

The banks gave personal loans to 275,000 customers last year. Whether the total number of borrowers increased is not known as the banks claim to have own a greater market share at the expense of other lenders.

Exports

Cautious optimism surrounded the publication of the level of orders from abroad placed during April, industry's export orders were 13 per cent higher than in April 1985 but last year's figures were distorted by labour unrest. Because of the reduced activity in the last few months the number of orders in hand is still one per cent below the level at the same time last

year.

The relative weakness of exports is blamed on an international slow down in trade and the continued strength of the krone compared with the currencies of important trading partners.

The OECD reported that Danish firms increased their market share in eight out of ten member countries in the last quarter of 1985. Competitors

moved ahead at the expense of the Danes only in the USA and Japan.

The organisation said Danish goods amounted to 1.15 per cent of the total import by the other countries. A year earlier the figure was 1.05 per cent. This increase, which appears very modest, is worth ten billion kr a year if it can be maintained.

Jobs

Unemployment is continuing to fall. In April 229,500 people (8.5 per cent of the workforce) were jobless, 21,000 fewer than in March and 50,000 fewer than a year earlier.

The employment Minister, Mr. Henning Dyremose, said the number of jobs had risen by 160,000 since the present Government took over.

"Freeloaders"

On the afternoon of June 1st, the "Freeloaders" performed in the auditorium of the Provincial Museum and Archives. It was reported that a few people in the audience were quite moved by the music, which reminded them of younger days. Harry Huser and Astrid Hope demonstrated chip-carving and Hardanger respectively, as well. "Freeloader" present were Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Carl Anderson, Gary Johnson, Odd Espeland and Astrid Hope.

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